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NASA Subcontractor Employee Charged and Pleads Guilty to Submitting False Claims

On April 12, 2000, Ronald D. Becker, Vice President of Becker Technologies, Inc., a former NASA subcontractor at Kennedy Space Center, Florida, was charged in a one-count criminal information filed in U.S. District Court in Orlando, FL, for violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 287, submitting false, fictitious, and fraudulent claims. Becker entered a plea of guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge James Glazebrook.

The charge relates to Becker's submission of false claims totaling \$38,487 against a NASA subcontract to install token rings in support of the Shuttle Processing Data Management System.

The investigation was conducted by Special Agents of the NASA Inspector General's Office of Criminal Investigations and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division. Assistant United States Attorney Cynthia Hawkins-Collazo of the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division, (407) 648-7500, is handling the prosecution of this matter.

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